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SAAR BATTLE RAGES

FRENCH DIVISION'S SUCCESS

Paris, To-day.

A semi-official survey of the situation on the western front states that matters are still only in the approach phase, and in the veritable fortress warfare which has developed on the western front, there is no question yet of an attack in force.

Advanced French elements and engineer corps specialists are sweeping the area of traps set with murderous ingenuity by German fortifiers during the past year.—Reuter.

BRILLIANT ATTACK

Paris, To-day.

A communique says the enemy are resisting on the whole front and various local counter-attacks are reported.

A brilliant attack by a French division assured the occupation of an important piece of terrain.

The enemy artillery reacted.—Reuter.

GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACKS

London, To-day.

An official communique issued in Paris late last night states that the enemy is resisting on the whole of the western front and has made several counter-attacks.

During the day, aerial reconnaissances were continued, despite interference by enemy aircraft.

Enemy artillery is very active.—Reuter.

GERMAN ROADS BLOCKED BY TROOP TRANSPORTS

Brussels, To-day.

News from the Rhineland indicates that the German military command is preparing to meet the full force of the British and French armies.

Roads are blocked with troop transports, and it is understood that many air force units have been transferred to the West from the Polish front.

Polish sources claim that the Germans must have lost 10,000 dead hitherto.—Reuter.

THREE YEARS OF WAR: CABINET PLANS AHEAD

London, To-day.

IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT the War Cabinet meeting yesterday morning decided to base its policy on the assumption that the war will last three years or more.

A statement issued through the Ministry of Information adds: "Instructions are being issued to all Government departments to ensure that plans for the future shall immediately be prepared on this assumption.

"In the meantime, all measures for which preparations are already being made will be brought fully into active operation.

"In furtherance of the expanded defence programmes already operating, the Ministry of Supply will forthwith take the necessary steps to

ensure that productive capacity for munitions of all kinds is increased on a scale required to meet every possible issue.

"Corresponding arrangements are being made at the Admiralty and Air Ministry.

CIVIL NEEDS

"In the great national interest, the civil needs of the country will be borne in mind as well as the importance of maintaining the export trade.

"The War Cabinet is confident that this significant decision will meet with the whole-hearted support of the British people, and will be welcomed by our allies and friends."

TO BITTER END

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent says that most emphasis is laid on the fact not that the Government will base their policy on the assumption that the war will last three years or more, but that Britain is determined to see the matter through and fight Nazism to the bitter end.—Reuter.

PREMIER'S PROMISE TO BENES

London, To-day.

"The sufferings of the Czech nation have not been forgotten, and we look forward through the triumph of the principles for which we have taken up arms to the relief of the Czech people from foreign domination," declares Mr. Chamberlain in reply to the telegram from Dr. Edouard Benes, ex-Czech President, expressing sympathy and support.—Reuter.

NAZIS DENY U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

London, To-day.

The German navy high command has declared, according to a Nazi broadcast, that contrary to the statement of the British Ministry of Information, the German navy has strict orders to abide in all circumstances by international agreements on sea warfare.—Reuter.

POLISH INVASION FIXED LONG AHEAD

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN HIS ADDRESS TO BRITAIN OVER THE B.B.C. NETWORK LAST NIGHT, THE POLISH AMBASSADOR TO LONDON SAID THAT THE DATE OF GERMANY'S AGGRESSION AGAINST HIS COUNTRY WAS FIXED BEFOREHAND WITH RUTHLESS PRECISION.

It was fixed for the beginning of September and only required some small pretext or other to start.

Poland's spirit would not be broken down and she would remain faithful to her traditions and to her allies whatever happened. She was determined to carry on the struggle until the complete and decisive victory.

Poland so far had been bearing the brunt of the German attack and she would not rest until the future of both herself and of other nations was secure against invasion or foreign aggression.—Reuter.

SOVIET CONTINUES MOBILISING

Moscow, To-day.

Preparations for defence in the Soviet Union continued on Friday night and yesterday.

More reservists have been called up, while doctors, engineers and other specialists have begun leaving in the direction of the Soviet-Polish frontier.

Despite the calm shown by the press and radio, people are thronging the stores and are stocking their larders for fear of introduction of the ration system.—Reuter.

HITLER'S DELUSION

Paris, To-day.

Commenting on the Nazi tactics for a short war, as opposed to the British and French tactics of holding out for complete victory, "Intransigent" remarks that everything points to Hitler saying to himself: "I shall finish off Poland quickly and afterwards make peace."

But, Hitler has made a mistake, as was proved by Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons.—Reuter.

MONEY EASIER IN LONDON

London, To-day.

With banks arranging to settle down to war conditions, loans early this week on the money market were somewhat difficult to obtain, but latterly money flowed easily and clearing banks became good buyers of bills.

Hence the Government were able to place £50,000,000 Treasury Bills at an average rate of £3.14.0 last week.

BRITONS LEAVE WARSAW

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Information announces that a number of foreign missions, including the British Embassy, have left Warsaw.

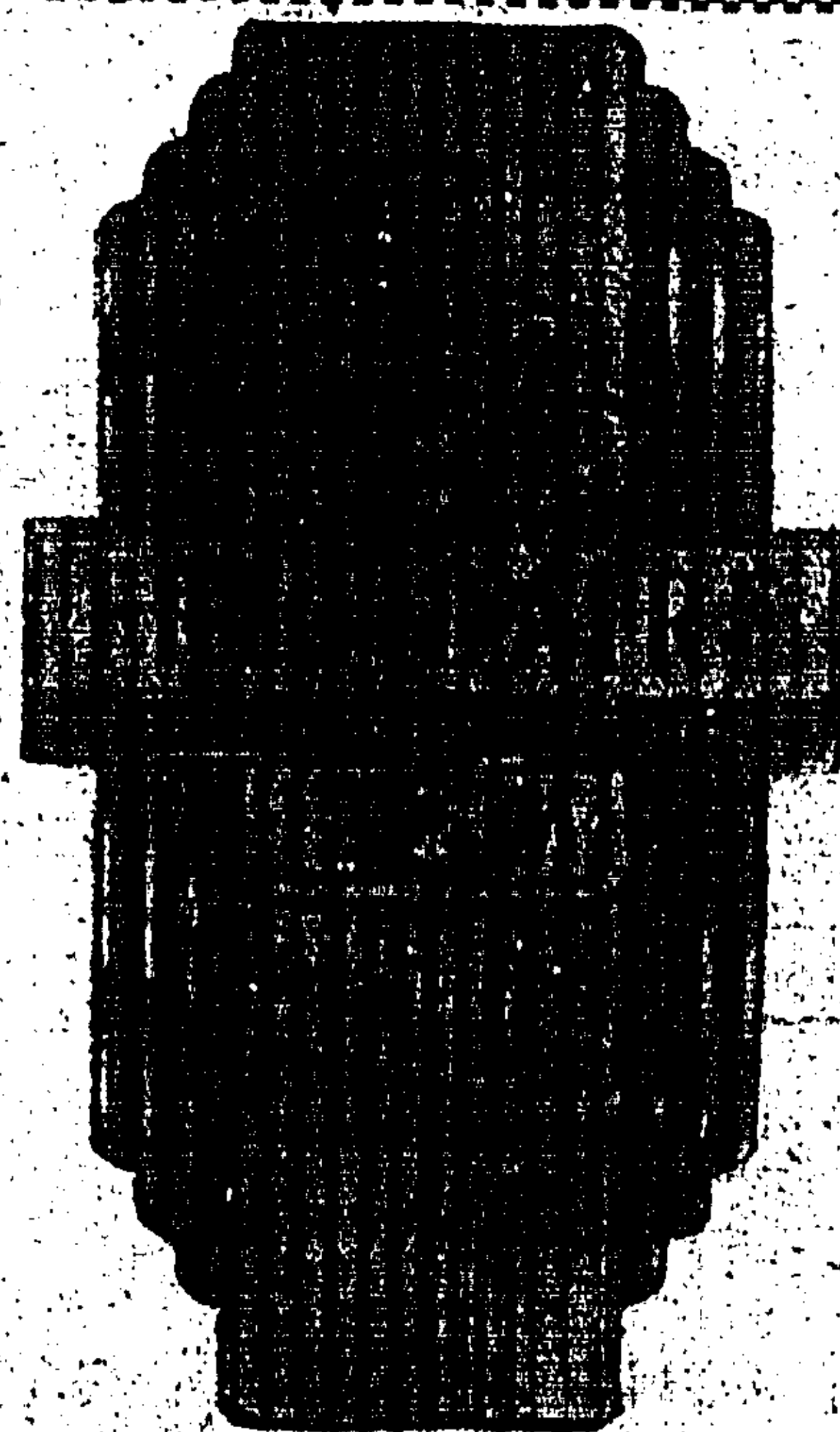
Sir Howard Kennard, the British Ambassador, states that so far as can

be determined, all British subjects are safe.—Reuter.

COL. BECK LEAVES

London, To-day.

The Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs has left Warsaw.—Reuter.



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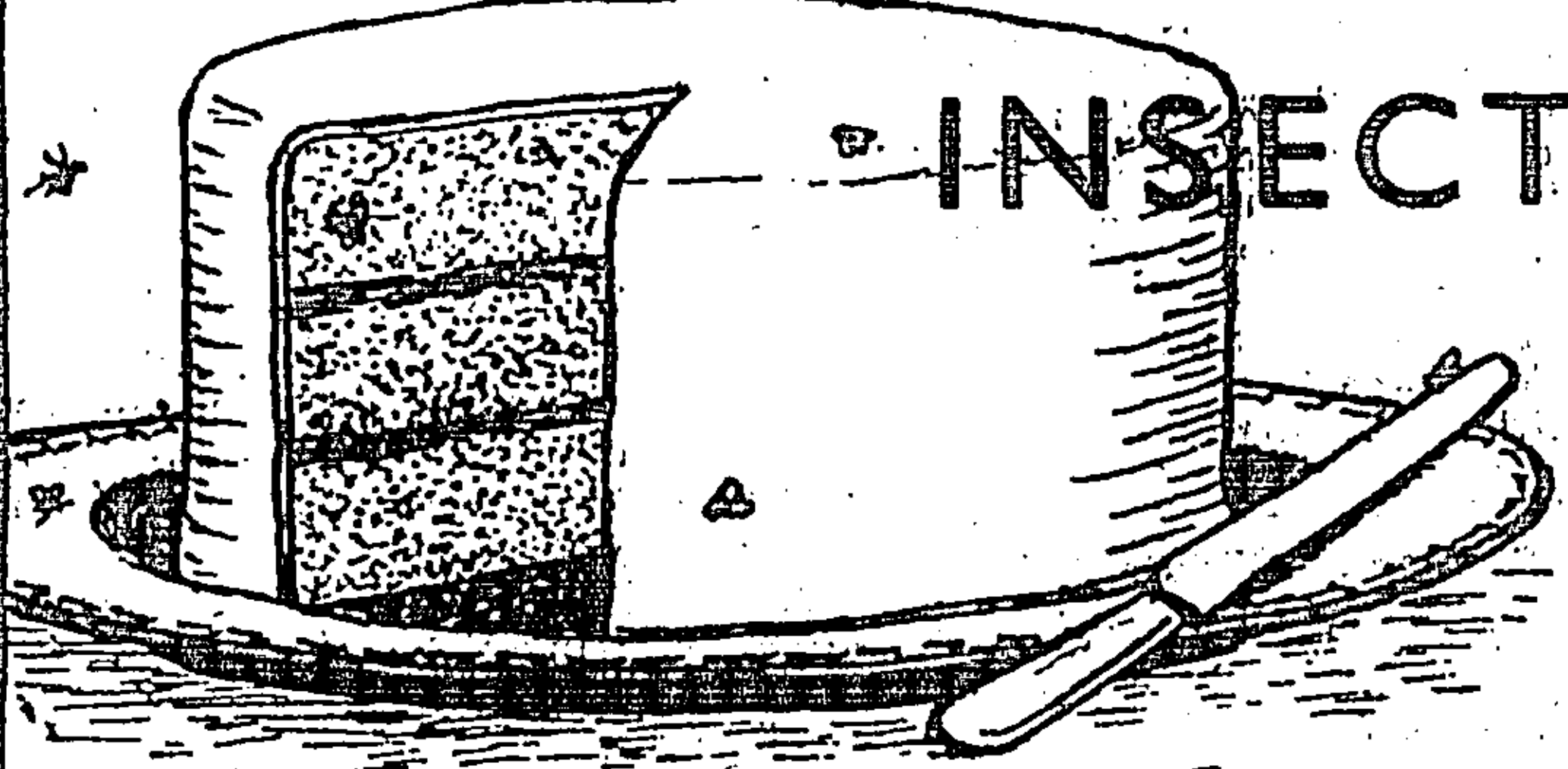
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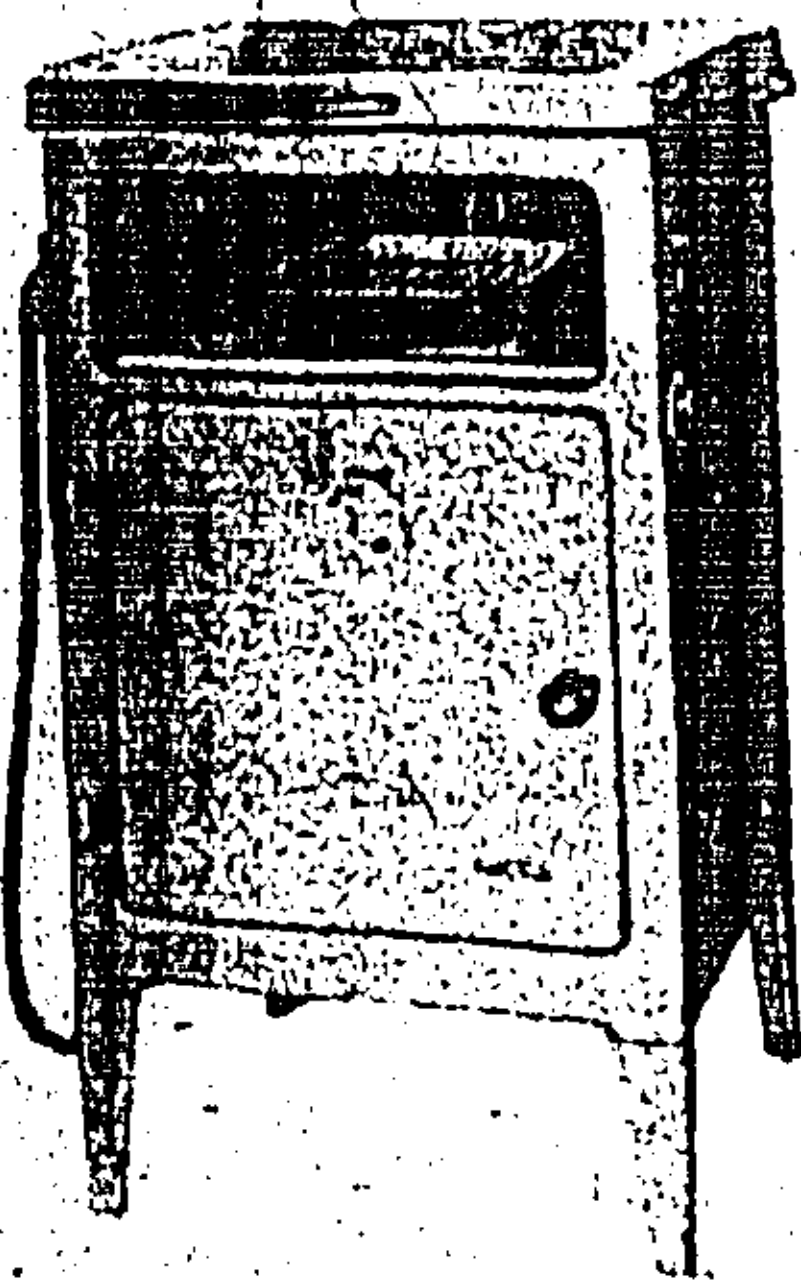
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HEAVY BOMBARDMENT

FATE OF WARSAW STILL IN THE BALANCE

London, To-day.

THE FATE OF WARSAW was still in the balance at 11 p.m. last night (6 a.m. Hong Kong time to-day).

Budapest had just quoted the Polish wireless as announcing that the city was being heavily bombarded, but that German troops had not yet entered it.

The Polish wireless announcer exclaimed:—

"The city will be defended to the last drop of blood!"

A special correspondent with the Polish Army says that the Polish Army began withdrawing from Upper Silesia and Posnan Province on Monday. This section of the army has been bearing the brunt of a strong attack by mechanised troops, aeroplanes and artillery.

The troops were withdrawn intact and the pace with which the withdrawal was made was unanimously considered by neutral military observers as a brilliant achievement for the Polish army.

LARGELY INTACT

The same correspondent says that the Polish army is still largely intact. Most of it has not yet even been engaged with the enemy and the morale in all cases is excellent.

The message, which was received via Budapest, declares that the withdrawal was in accordance with a pre-arranged plan to draw the Germans deep into Polish territory while keeping the Polish army intact.

He saw no signs of demoralisation or desperation during a long 60 miles tour.

He adds that the retreat must have disappointed the Nazis in their attempted "pincer movement" in western Poland. Only at Posnan were several divisions in danger of being cut off.—Reuter.

DENMARK PREPARES

London, To-day.

Denmark's precautions to protect her neutrality include the calling-up of 10,000 men for civil air defence, the patrolling of Danish waters by the Danish Navy, which will keep a special eye out for mines, and the mining of Copenhagen harbour; pilotage is compulsory.

Street lighting is restricted and all large public buildings have been heavily sand-bagged. Exports are under control.—Reuter.

COUNT CSAKY BACK IN HUNGARY

London, To-day.

A report from Budapest states that Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, has returned to that city from Germany.

He arrived in Budapest late Friday night.—Reuter.

Budapest, To-day.

Count Csaky, the Hungarian Premier, has returned from his plane trip to Germany.—Reuter.

GERMAN SHIPPING SWEEPED OFF THE HIGH SEAS

London, To-day.

There are now practically no German merchant ships on the high seas, says the Ministry of Information commenting on the continuation of the Allies' sweeping activities.

Empire sea communications continue without serious interruption.

HERTZOG THE AFRIKANDER

PRETORIA, TO-DAY.

ADDRESSING 15,000 PEOPLE AT THE HISTORIC VOORTREKKER MONUMENT, GENERAL HERTZOG, THE EX-UNION PREMIER, SAID THAT A NEW AFRIKANDER UNITY HAD BEEN BORN AND ALL MUST WORK FOR THE COMMON IDEALS.

He appealed to his hearers to do nothing unconstitutional.

Mr. Malan, the Opposition leader, said that Afrikaners should not rest until the Republican ideal had been attained.—Reuter.

BRITAIN GIVES AN ASSURANCE

Stockholm, To-day.

The British Minister has handed the Swedish Foreign Minister a Note declaring that the British Government

Some German merchantmen have been captured by our warships, and in more than one case the crew scuttled the ship before abandoning her.

The great majority of enemy ships, at sea or in neutral ports on the outbreak of war, are now sheltering in neutral ports.

Besides those at Vigo (Portugal) and in Japanese ports, numerous others have sought shelter in ports of North and South America, Iceland and elsewhere.

No steps have been taken by these vessels to arm themselves as raiders or to take any other part in the hostilities.

The cutting off of Germany from overseas sources of war supply is now virtually complete except for the Baltic.—Reuter.

RUN FOR REFUGE

London, To-day.

Thanks to the sweeping of the seas by the Royal Navy, German ships are now sheltering in ports in North and South America, Japan, Iceland, Spain and elsewhere.—Reuter.

will respect Sweden's neutrality, in so far as it is respected by Germany.—Reuter.